

Pathfinder Impacted by Parents' Conversion

BY KAYLA SUTHERLAND

Kayla Sutherland, a 13-year-old Pathfinder from Miami, Fla., shared a story close to her heart on lay activities for youth day at the Kendall church. Her testimony, "The Impact My Parents' Conversion Had On Me," was submitted as a news idea to the Florida Conference Pathfinder department by Ann-Marie Wellington, administrative director of the Kendall Pioneer Pathfinder Club.

"It all started when I met the Wellington family. They invited me to Kendall when I was six years old. I became an Adventurer and regularly attended church with them.

"In 2000, I was baptized at the age of 10. At that time, my parents didn't belong to any church. However, it wasn't long before they began attending a Sunday-keeping church where my father was baptized in February, 2002.

"Even though my parents were Christians, I wasn't satisfied. I wanted them

to become Seventh-day Adventists. On Sundays, when there were no planned Pathfinder activities, I would visit their church, where the sermons just didn't touch the heart as they did when Carlton Anderson, my pastor, preached.

"One day, I invited my mother to attend a two-week revival at our church. The message had such an impact on her and she felt so comfortable with the love shown by the Kendall family, she invited my father to attend the following Sabbath. My mother asked to participate in the next baptism, which was August 16, 2003. Most of you sitting in these pews witnessed on that day the baptism of my mother and the receiving of my father into this Church on profession of his faith.

"As you can see, I am more than overwhelmed that my parents are newly baptized members following in Jesus' footsteps, and that I helped make it possible. I'm also very satisfied that my



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Kayla Sutherland's witness helped influence her parents, Beverley and Howard, to become Adventists.

mother and father are both Seventh-day Adventist Christians, because I don't have to tell them what happened at church every Sabbath when I get home. Now, they experience it for themselves."